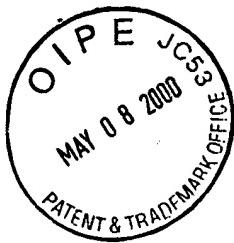


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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/297,981

Filed: May 10, 1999

For: METHYLATED, SMD HOMOLOGOUS
PEPTIDES, REACTIVE WITH THE
ANTIBODIES FROM SERA OF LIVING
BEINGS AFFECTED WITH SYSTEMIC
LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

Group Art Unit: 1643

Examiner: R. Zeman

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 21, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2000, for which the date for response is May 21, 2000.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Arnold White & Durkee Deposit Account No. 01-2508/INNS:011---/KAM.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.